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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert

--This application is a 371 of PCT/FR99/01422 filed June 15, 1999.--

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Modified claim 1, cancel line 1 and insert -A method for blocking somatostatin receptors in warm-blooded animals comprising administering to warm-blooded animals an amount effective for blocking somatostatin receptors of a compound of the formula -.